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## Free Fishing Day at Cooper Creek Reservoir

**Roseburg, Ore.** –Come and celebrate with the Roseburg Bureau of Land Management on June 12 at the tenth annual Free Fishing Day event at Cooper Creek Reservoir near Sutherlin, Oregon. This event coincides with National Fishing Week to increase awareness and enjoyment of sport fishing.

Activities include a kids casting contest, two fishing pools for kids four years old and under, fishing from a boat with a member of Bassmasters, and a "big fish / small fish" contest hourly will be sponsored from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by local organizations and agencies. State fishing licenses are not required, but other state regulations such as the five trout fish limit still apply. A large number of trout from Rock Creek Fish Hatchery will be released in Cooper Creek Reservoir prior to the event. A limited number of fishing rods, reels, hooks and bait will be available for those who need them.

The Umpqua Valley Bassmasters will offer youth between 7-17 years of age, fishing opportunities on Bassmasters boats for 12 hours. Sign up on site the morning of June 12 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Ffishing equipment will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the winners of three different age groups.

Contributions and services are being provided by: The Umpqua Fishermens Association, City Sporting Goods of Sutherlin, Umpqua Valley Bassmasters, Rays Food Place, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Paul Jackson Wholesale, Bi-Mart, and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Umpqua Community College Upward Bound, Berkley. Local agencies involved include: the Douglas County Parks Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Umpqua National Forest, Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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